

Getting Around Town



Above: Tree preservation on Abe Lincoln.

Introduction

The Huebner/Leon Creeks Community is surrounded by major thoroughfares and is served by several VIA Metropolitan Transit routes. The community's neighborhoods are separated by Leon Creek but development of the greenway offers an opportunity to unite neighborhoods to the east and west of the Creek.

This chapter of the Community Plan focuses on the community's goals, objectives and action steps for addressing the area's streets, drainage and lighting issues. Much of the community infrastructure dates from when this area was still a rural area and has not been upgraded to meet new demands. Also traffic management is promoted as well as improvements to mass transit, sidewalk facilities, and bicycle amenities to create a multimodal transportation system.

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Whitby Road

Goal 3 - Rebuild the Infrastructure

Improve streets, drainage and lighting in the community.

Objective 3.1: Improve Street Conditions

Assess and address street and pavement conditions.

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partner: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Transportation Coordination Committee

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Public Works, TxDOT

Funding Sources: Volunteer/Minimal

Action Steps:

3.1.1 Identify issues using previous input from the or community (see Table 1), prioritize improvements needed and obtain pavement condition index.

- *Pavement/base failures should be reported to 311*



Neighborhood low water crossing

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years) to Mid (3 to 5 years)

Lead Partner: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Transportation Coordination Committee

Proposed Partnerships: COSA Public Works, TxDOT

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

3.1.2 Request a study by the City or State, as applicable, to determine appropriate solutions and costs related to improvements identified.

Timeline: Mid (3 to 5 years)

Lead Partner: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Transportation Coordination Committee

Partnerships: COSA Public Works, TxDOT, MPO

Funding Sources: COSA Capital Improvement Program, COSA Bond Program, TxDOT

3.1.3 Identify projects with the largest return on investment and work with City and/or State to implement those projects.

- *Consider including tree plantings with road improvement projects.*
- *City Bond Elections are planned for 2003 and 2007.*

Objective 3.2: Drainage

Address community drainage issues.

Action Steps:

3.2.1 Establish drainage committee with appropriate representation from each neighborhood to:

- *Identify all known issues.*
- *Prioritize from the community.*
- *Contact the City for subject matter expert.*
- *Prioritize projects for official request for implementation.*
- *Regularly monitor areas of standing water that are a health concern, such as along Whitby Road.*

COSA Public Works is reviewing the area in order to develop a pipe system to relieve the water ponding within private property flooding the streets along Whitby and Abe Lincoln. This area is currently monitored during prolonged rain events in order to provide for pumping of the excess water to Huebner Creek. The Alamo Farmsteads neighborhood includes streets without curbs and bar ditches to route storm flow along the frontage of properties into arterial earthen channels that flow into Leon and Huebner Creek. To improve the drainage system in this area would require reconstructing the streets and drainage system. Each resident would need to have a drainage pipe installed under their driveway.

3.2.2 Determine largest return on investment on various solutions for projects, using previous input from the community (see Table 1).



Standing water at the intersection of Rochelle and Mary Todd

3.2.3 Implement projects with greatest return on investment.

- *City Bond Elections are planned for 2003 and 2007.*

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partner: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Drainage Committee

Partners: COSA Public Works, TxDOT, City Council Office, SAWS

Funding Sources: Volunteer/Minimal



Warning signs on Hollyhock

Timeline: Mid (3 to 5 years)

Lead Partner: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Drainage Committee

Partners: COSA Public Works, TxDOT, City Council Office, SAWS

Funding Sources: Volunteer/Minimal

Timeline: Long (6+ years)

Lead Partner: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Drainage Committee

Partners: COSA Public Works, TxDOT, City Council Office, SAWS

Funding Sources: COSA General, COSA Bond

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Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partners: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Transportation Committee

Partnerships: COSA Public Works, City Public Service, Cellular on Patrol

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Timeline: Mid (3 to 5 years)

Lead Partners: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Transportation Committee

Partnerships: COSA Public Works, City Public Service, Cellular on Patrol

Funding Sources: COSA General



A Public Works crew working on Whitby Road

Objective 3.3: Lighting

Light neighborhood streets appropriately.

Action Steps:

3.3.1 Review current placement and condition of street lights and inventory locations of repetitive lamp failures.

3.3.2 Request the addition/removal of street lights as necessary.



A CPS crew working on Prue Road

Goal 4—Multi-Modal Transportation System

Provide a multi-modal transportation by managing traffic, developing mass transit and bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Objective 4.1: Traffic Control

Develop a traffic control plan.

Action Steps:

4.1.1 Appoint a traffic plan implementation committee comprised of Community Plan participants and adjacent neighborhoods.

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partners: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Implementation Committee

Partnerships: none

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

4.1.2 Collect data on traffic issues.

- *Traffic counts*
- *Windshield survey*
- *Accident reports*
- *Attitudinal survey*

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partner: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Traffic Plan Committee

Partners: COSA Public Works, San Antonio Police Department – Records Division, Area Neighborhood Associations.

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

4.1.3 Dialogue with consulting experts on data collection results.

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years) to Mid (3 to 5 years)

Lead Partner: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Traffic Plan Committee

Partners: COSA Public Works – Traffic, Area Neighborhood Associations

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer



Bus stop on Old Prue Road

Objective 4.2: Mass Transit

Develop a mass transit system.

Action Steps:

4.2.1 Obtain information on current ridership and location of current bus stops and coordinate with VIA to determine the type of bus amenities warranted at stops (e.g. benches, shelters, trees, garbage receptacles).

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partner: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Transportation Coordinating Committee

Partners: VIA

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

4.2.2 Coordinate with VIA to implement bus stop design standards.

Timeline: Mid (3 to 5 years)

Lead Partner: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Transportation Coordinating Committee

Partners: VIA, major destination bus stops (e.g. Marshall, Esperanza, Shopping Centers)

Funding Sources: VIA Adopt A Shelter/Bench Program, CPS tree program, AACOG tree program, local nurseries

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Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partners: : Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Implementation Committee

Partnerships: None

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partners: Appointed Sidewalk Improvement Committee

Partnerships: Neighborhood Associations

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer



Sidewalk along Abe Lincoln

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partners: Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Implementation Committee

Partnerships: None

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

Objective 4.3: Sidewalk Improvements

Develop a sidewalk improvement plan

Action Steps:

4.3.1 Determine if a sidewalk task force exists; if not, appoint a sidewalk improvement committee.

4.3.2 Survey the existing sidewalk system and identify sidewalk improvement priorities for implementation.



Landscaped sidewalk along a major thoroughfare (Scottsdale, AZ)

Objective 4.4: Bicycle Amenities

Develop a bicycle amenities plan

Action Steps:

4.4.1 Appoint a committee to study bicycle mobility within the Plan area and linkages to UTSA and the Leon Creek Greenway.

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- 4.4.2** Meet with consulting experts to establish purview for allied agencies.

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years)

Lead Partner: Appointed Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Bicycle Committee

Partners: MPO Bicycle Mobility Task Force, COSA Parks & Recreation, Open Space Advisory Board, COSA Public Works

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer

- 4.4.3** Make recommendations on the existing bicycle amenity system.

Timeline: Short (1 to 2 years) to Mid (3 to 5 years)

Lead Partner: Appointed Huebner/Leon Creeks Community Plan Bicycle Committee

Partners: MPO Bicycle Mobility Task Force, COSA Parks & Recreation, Open Space Advisory Board, COSA Public Works

Funding Sources: Minimal/Volunteer



Area bicyclist



*Off-street bicycle route with signs
(Flower Mound, TX)*

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Table 1. Street and Drainage Issues Identified in Community Meetings

Street	From	To	Community Comments	Public Works Comments	Action Step
Abe Lincoln	Horn	Eckhert	Flooding at Country View, Oxford Trace, and Whitby	Abe Lincoln Public Improvement Project (See Appendix H).	3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3
Abe Lincoln	Horn	Eckhert	Bicycle route requested	Abe Lincoln Public Improvement Project (See Appendix H).	4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3
Babcock	At	Welles Way	Stoplight requested		4.1.2, 4.1.3
Babcock	Huebner	Babcock	Needs repaving	Prue to Hollyhock scheduled for repaving in 2005.	3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3
Babcock	Huebner	Horn	Sidewalks requested	This could be considered as a future Neighborhood Accessibility and Mobility Project.	3.3.2
Babcock	Huebner	Hollyhock	Speeding		4.1.2, 4.1.3
Bandera	Eckhert	Prue	Sidewalks requested	This could be considered as a future Neighborhood Accessibility and Mobility Project.	4.3.2
Eckhert	At	Marshall High School	High School entrance needs a stoplight.	Existing conditions do not meet warrant criteria for a stoplight; however, NISD may want to consider moving the entrance to share the existing signal with the exit to the school. Coordination with TxDOT is recommended.	4.1.2, 4.1.3
Eckhert	Huebner	Bandera	Bicycle route requested		4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3
Hollyhock	At	Huebner Creek	Low water crossing. Refuse build up.	Hollyhock Low Water Crossing Public Improvement Project (See Appendix H).	3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3
Hollyhock	Babcock	Abe Lincoln	Sidewalks requested	This could be considered as a future Neighborhood Accessibility and Mobility Project.	4.3.2
Hollyhock	Babcock	Abe Lincoln	Speeding		4.1.2, 4.1.3
Horn	Babcock	Prue	Needs repaving because of buses and emergency vehicles	Section from Abe Lincoln to Prue scheduled for repaving in 2005.	3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3
Huebner	Babcock	Huebner Creek	Speeding		4.1.2, 4.1.3
John Marshall	Eckhert	Devlin	Speeding		4.1.2, 4.1.3
Pembroke	Babcock	Rochelle	Flooding near Thornton ES, and between Abe Lincoln and Rochelle	Public Works is conducting debris and vegetation removal near Pembroke and Rochelle to allow for proper storm water conveyance out of the community.	3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3
Prue	At	Huebner Creek	Low water crossing		3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3
Prue	Babcock	Shady Elms	Sidewalk requested	This could be considered as a future Neighborhood Accessibility and Mobility Project.	4.3.2
Prue	Country Dawn	Lost Bluff	Speeding		4.1.2, 4.1.3
Prue	Horn	Country Dawn	Road narrows to 2 lanes creating a bottleneck	The only funding to widen Prue Road would be through a future City bond election.	4.1.1, 4.1.2, 4.1.3
Rochelle	Whitby	Stonykirk	Pedestrian and bicycle path requested		4.3.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3
Rochelle	Oxford Trace	Kitchener	Flooding along roadway		3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3
Stonykirk	Hollyhock	Rochelle	Street needs repair	This roadway is in need of an asphalt overlay application and will be considered for inclusion in a future Street Maintenance Program.	3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3
Strathaven	Hollyhock	Mondean	Street needs repair	This roadway has base failures and will be considered to be placed on a future schedule.	3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.3
Westchase	Woodchase	Bandera	Cut through traffic from Eckhert to Bandera	Since the date of the community meetings, speed humps have been installed at this location.	4.1.2, 4.1.3
Westgrove	Whitby	Eckhert	Speeding		4.1.2, 4.1.3
Whitby	Huebner Creek	Rochelle	Pedestrian and bicycle path requested	This could be considered as a future Neighborhood Accessibility and Mobility Project.	4.3.2, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 4.4.3
Whitby	Abe Lincoln	Rochelle	Flooding along roadway	This area is being studied in order to develop a pipe system to relieve the water ponding. (see page 32).	3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3
Whitby	Old Whitby	Westgrove	Speeding		4.1.2, 4.1.3
Woodchase	Westchase	Eckhert	Cut through traffic from Eckhert to Bandera		4.1.2, 4.1.3

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